

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES
MADE, AND LISTING OF ALL CLAIMS WITH PROPER IDENTIFIERS**

1.-13. (Canceled)

14. (New) A method for removing a liquid from the surface of a strip, comprising the step of exciting the liquid in such a way that it oscillates.
15. (New) The method of claim 14, wherein the liquid is excited to oscillate at one of its resonant frequencies.
16. (New) The method of claim 14, wherein the exciting step includes the step of flowing a fluid stream over the liquid as a carrier medium to impart an excitation oscillation for exciting the liquid.
17. (New) The method of claim 16, wherein the fluid stream flows over the liquid in a laminar form.
18. (New) The method of claim 14, wherein the liquid is excited by an oscillating motion of the strip.
19. (New) The method of claim 14, wherein the exciting step for causing the liquid to oscillate is realized directly or indirectly by a contactless excitation method.
20. (New) The method of claim 14, further comprising the step of evaporating the liquid using a sonoluminescence effect.
21. (New) The method of claim 14, wherein a removal of the liquid is performed as the strip moves.

22. (New) A method for removing a liquid from the surface of a strip, comprising the step of evaporating the liquid using a sonoluminescence effect.
23. (New) The method of claim 22, further comprising the step of passing a laminar fluid stream over the liquid.
24. (New) The method of claim 22, wherein a removal of the liquid is performed as the strip moves.
25. (New) A method for removing a liquid from the surface of a strip, comprising the step of passing a laminar fluid stream over the liquid.
26. (New) The method of claim 25, wherein a removal of the liquid is performed as the strip moves.
27. (New) A device for removing a liquid from the surface of a strip, comprising an oscillation generator to excite oscillations in the liquid or in a fluid or body contacting the liquid.
28. (New) The device of claim 27, further comprising a blowing nozzle for supply of the fluid, and a sound-wave generator to introduce sound waves into the fluid supplied by the blowing nozzle.
29. (New) The device of claim 28, wherein the sound-wave generator is constructed to introduce sound waves into the strip.
30. (New) The device of claim 27, further comprising a sound-wave generator to introduce sound waves into the strip.

31. (New) The device of claim 28, wherein the sound-wave generator is a member selected from the group consisting of a loudspeaker, a piezoelectric sound transducer, a magnetic ultrasound generator, an EMAT, and a laser for laser-induced ultrasound.

32. (New) The device of claim 30, wherein the sound-wave generator is a member selected from the group consisting of a loudspeaker, a piezoelectric sound transducer, a magnetic ultrasound generator, an EMAT, and a laser for laser-induced ultrasound.